

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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"The Effectual Fervent Prayer of a Righteous Man Availeth Much"

"The Heaven Gave Rain, and the Earth Brought Forth Her Fruit"

Father's Request in Behalf of Orphans

Four Little Orphans Happy in the Children's Home

Mrs. Clara Mullikin
"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore."

I want to praise God to-day for a living faith in a living God.

One that knoweth the way that we take; dark clouds may hover over us—the opposing powers of darkness around us, yet, praise God, the light and darkness are both alike to Him.

Five years ago; can it be that long? When, one day my son, left his home in Baltimore, Md., in haste for the bakery, to get provisions for his family for the day, before going to his work, strong and healthy, bright and happy because in his home lay a bright little boy ten days old—Little Lee Widbee Mullikin.

It was on Dec. 10, cold with ice and slippery, his foot slipped, he fell and on striking his back against a concrete step, dislocated the hip bone, partly breaking one of the small bones in his back.

God knows the hours, weeks, and years of suffering, then he took influenza, soon a relapse—finally death. As I watched the fading cheek, the weakening frame, the feeble step, I thought of a day, years ago when he was a boy how sweetly he was saved, yet, now, his fellowship had been severed, now, when he needed God so much, my heart pangs increased as it seemed he had no thought of his eternal welfare, oh, thank God this poor woman cried and the Lord heard her—one day on one of my daily visits as we lived now in the same town, I entered his room and sat down by his bedside, he looked up in my face and said, "mother, I have something to ask you," I said, "Well son," he said, "I was asleep this morning and awoke suddenly and looking upon the wall I saw what I thought was a picture, I kept looking and it remained there, it was this, 'I saw a straight white shell road, perfectly straight and on either side was green trees, and as I watched the scene, the road stopped abruptly as though cut off; I kept looking and there came a longing in my heart to see the end of the road, where it led to, and again the road began just a little higher than the first road and as I watched, it kept on and on and there is no end to it.' He said, 'Mother, what does it mean?' Oh, glory to God in the highest! my heart rejoiced with great joy, indescribable, God was talking, God was working again on that poor soul—tears had been bottled up until enough had been filled, prayer had been heard.

Glory to God, hallelujah! I said, "Son, in the first place God is calling you to repentance, you were once saved, the road has been broken, but now He is calling you again, He wants you to begin to follow Him," he cried out to God and He saved him, and sanctified him and from that hour until He took him, he never had an ache or pain. He said to me the day before he died, "Mother I feel so much better in every way, I want to be anointed with oil and pray—"

The Cry--Come Over and Help Us

GREER, S. C.—I want to sound a note of praise through the dear old Church of God Evangel, the welcome guest that arrives in my home once a week and is so much appreciated.

It brings joy to my heart to hear of how the Lord is blessing other people and of the good revivals where souls are getting saved.

I want to do more for the Lord this coming year than I have in the past. I am the only one here at Greer that has the blessing of the Holy Ghost and I ask that every one that sees this to pray for my success in getting the gospel spread here. We are all sons and daughters of the heavenly Father and I would like to meet you every one this morning for I feel that we are just one big family, some day to meet around the great white throne of God. Any one who feels like coming to Greer and helping us can feel assured that you will be appreciated and taken care of while I am here. Pray for me.—Mrs. M. C. Ward, 24 Franklin St.

ed for, and perhaps the Lord will heal me to live for Him and raise up my little children." He called two believers in, and we prayed according to James 5:13, 14, but God knew best and took him home.

The last desire of his heart has been granted, that his children should not be separated that they should be trained up for God. Now to the Evangel family, I come praising God, that to-day, the 12th of January, 1925, finds me in the Children's Home, Cleveland, Tenn., with his four children.

Little Widbee is now five years old, and a happy little boy, because he is a member of the great Church of God's Orphanage, at Cleveland, Tenn. Just a few more words to the backsliders, there is no peace for your troubled heart apart from God.

He is the source of all our strength. You cannot do without Him. Do not wait until sickness or affliction weakens you down before you turn away from the vanities of this poor deluded world, but give Him your manhood and womanhood, give Jesus the best of your life.

My son said to me just before he passed away, "Mother, if I had not given my heart to God when He called me, I would be too weak now to pray, then he could not speak above a whisper. Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation, when? While the Holy Ghost is talking to your heart and giving you another chance to get to the feet of Jesus. May these words of love help some dear heart to find God, and may this life of my own son who came so near losing his soul, awaken you to the fact that you too, may be very near eternity.

When I brought the orphans to the Home, I had the pleasure of visiting the Church of God Bible school, and saw the bright faces of the students, and Bro. Payne, their teacher, unfolding the grand truths and hidden riches of that greatest of all books, the Bible.

How my heart rejoiced that so many young people are hungry to know the truth, that is able to set them free from the imaginations of the devil. God bless each one is the prayer of my heart.

The Prayer That Brought Rain

FAITH THAT BRINGS RESULTS

J. S. Llewellyn

When we consider the urgent need and the marvelous results brought about through earnest prayer, our attention is especially called to some things about the prayer that brought such satisfactory results.

First, Elijah went alone with God. Oh, the wonderful privilege of secret prayer, shut in from the busy rush of the world, far away in some secret place where there is nothing to disturb. It is there that our prayers reach their highest plain. The men who have been mightily used of God in the past have been men who spent much time in the secret place. There they have heard God's voice speaking to them revealing His will concerning their lives, there they received the royal commission, there the spiritual vision has been made clear, their lips have been touched with the live coals, there their very souls were fanned into a holy flame, there the marvelous endowment of power has come down, their hearts have been surcharged with a boundless compassion for those who were sinking down into the night and blight of sin, there the church's thirst has been revealed and the promise given of abundance of rain. If every loyal saint would only follow this example copious showers of the latter rain would be falling on the dry and thirsty land.

Second, we observe that Elijah's prayer was definite. Many things were needed, many things could have been asked for, but he had one supreme desire for that one thing he prayed, for that same thing he continued to pray and wait before God. Upon that one special definite thing his petitions and faith were focused. He wanted rain, he wanted it with all of his heart and soul, that was his one supreme desire. That was uppermost in his mind. He could think of nothing else but the desperate need of rain. When we consider the needs of the church they are many. Many incidental needs require our attention. If allowed to do so our minds and energies are distributed to so many things, but the one supreme and desperate need is the gentle and latter rain of the Spirit. This serves to regulate and bring in harmony most every other need and requirement of the church, therefore, this should be our supreme object as this need practically swallows up every other. It is spiritual need for the thirsty land, a mighty heaven-born revival that will quicken the churches and arouse the communities and give us a real passion for the lost.

Third, Elijah had faith, he sent the young man out to see if there was any sign of the expected answer to his prayers. He had confidentially awaited the news of the sign of the coming rain. God had given him the burden and spirit of prayer for the one thing that was the supreme need of the day. Thousands suffering and thirsty, the ground parched on account of the continued drought. If the blessings for which he so

earnestly plead had been withheld he would have been sadly disappointed and bewildered. He prayed and instructed the young man to look again and as he continued to pray as evidence of his unwavering faith he continued to insist that he look again and again. This is conclusive evidence of his determined perseverance and unwavering faith in the God to whom he so earnestly plead.

This was an unselfish prayer. The prophet was earnestly pleading for the benefit of the masses and not solely for his own personal benefit for he knew full well that the God whom he served would give him food to eat and water to drink if he had to perform some special miracle to do it or put His angels on half rations. God will never fail those who will live pure and holy and deny themselves and live for the good of others.

Fourth, the prophet held on and continued to pray until the answer came. As he humbled himself before the Lord he prayed earnestly and fervently with the confidence that through answer to his prayers that God would open the heavens and the rain would descend and moisten the parched ground and that the earth would once again bring forth her fruits. As he prayed and as before stated he would send the young man out to see if there was any sign of rain. He would come back and say, there is nothing, of course the prophet would say in his heart, surely there is something for suffering Israel. For three long years and a half there had been no rain. The country is in desperate need, O surely there is relief, there must be relief, thank God there will be relief. Thus he continues to pray and plead and supplicate, then he sends the young man forth again to see if there is any sign of rain. He returns and reports there is nothing. Many are doing the same today, they are reporting that there is no God that can answer prayer and supply the pressing needs as there was in the days of yore. They say we are living in a fast age, and God cannot do in these days as He did in the early days of Christianity, but O, that many humble saints would arise in the spirit of the prophet and face these awful days of unbelief, of higher criticism, of infidelity and say, "Yes, in the name of Elijah's God there is relief, God still reigns, Yes, the parched ground shall become a pool."

While the masses contend that the days of old time revivals are over and God cannot and will not do as He has in the past. We fancy we see the old prophet humbling himself, possibly with his head down near the ground between his knees and he begins to pray from his very innermost soul pressing his urgent request, laying before an omnipotent God the urgent need of his people. He prays and pleads, there settles down a gentle, peaceful satisfaction, and the God who has answered in the past will answer.

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NEW CHURCH OF GOD SET IN ORDER—17 MEMBERS

PITTSBURG, Kans.—I just want to tell you of the good work that is going on at Pittsburg. Bro. Wilmer Artis and Bro. John Green came from St. Joseph, Mo., to Pittsburg and the Lord has wonderfully blessed since they came. We had never seen the light on the church, we were Apostolics but on Nov. 30, a Church of God was set in order, Bro. Mead, pastor at Joplin, Mo., was here also Bro. C. A. James. We observed the Lord's supper with feet washing, there was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Bro. J. C. Coats will pastor this church, and we feel sure we will like him. We have seventeen members at this place, and ask that you pray for us to stand true.—Hazel M. Brown.

WELL PLEASED WITH THEIR STATE OVERSEER

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—I want to thank and praise the Lord for all His many blessings unto me, and for this glorious privilege of adding to the pages of the dear Evangel a few words by way of testimony to all my brothers and sisters throughout the world.

I am so thankful to my King for His tender mercies unto me until this present time. Bro. Gault is our overseer for another year and we like him fine, I just can't express my feelings when I read Bro. Gault's piece in the last Evangel, but just had to stop and rejoice when I read it. I certainly do love Sister Gault, they were in my home for a few days one time, also Sister Maggie Shaffner was with us at this time and we enjoyed hearing them talk and sing on New Year's night. My heart and mind seems to run with Sister Rosa B. Murphy about making an appeal in behalf of the Evangel.

It has been on my heart for some time to make another plan whereby it may reach more homes. As I see so many wanting to know about this way, just makes me want to do my bit in my corner for my Master while it is day. I truly do enjoy reading it with my Bible.

There are so many who are glad to get tracts and the Evangel, we just don't realize how much good it might do, to place this literature in the homes for them to read. Pray for me.—Mary S. Reddeck.

WE TRUST THE LORD FOR OUR CHILDREN

GREY EAGLE, W. Va.—I thank the dear Lord for the love that He has shed abroad in my heart. Three years ago the blessed Saviour saw me wandering in sin. He knocked at my door and I let Him in, later He sanctified me by His precious blood and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and I want to say this morning that I feel like going on.

Since my husband has gone to helping me out, our home has been one of prayer. We trust God as our healer, one of our children has been taken from us, but we trusted the Lord to the end. Sometimes I get real homesick to go on and be with Jesus and my loved ones, I ask all to pray that I will live faithful to the end.—Mrs. John Jones.

Going From One Victory to Another

Ohio Saints On Fire for God—People Looking This Way.

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—God is surely with us here in Cincinnati and people are commencing to look this way. Why? Well, because God is working in our midst. Jesus our great Captain has never lost a battle and we have Him at the helm of this great vessel. Well, we can truly say with His help we are going on from one victory to another, until it is now said in old Cincinnati that we have the only place in Cincinnati that is on fire for God. It has often been said Cincinnati is Sodom and Gomorrah. God has given us a place where His children can be free and keep on fire for God. But our God whom we serve is a true and faithful God that answers prayer.

We started in a small store room but the crowds increased insomuch that we were compelled to get a larger place for worship, and even since we have more room, many are often turned away, they cannot get on the inside and the police will not let them stand on the outside, so now we must look for a larger place still.

Our Sunday school starts at 9:45 a. m. and often we are dismissed at quarter of 2:00 in the afternoon.

Sunday, Jan. 4, we had almost as good services for Sunday school as some of our night meetings. Why? People are looking and seeking for the truth, also where the truth is preached and not only preached but living the life. Folks, these days are watching and reading us, we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. May God help us to live what we preach. Then Jesus said, "and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. Behold: means stop, look, listen. Jesus stands at the door; what door? Not the parlor or kitchen door, Oh, no! but the door of your heart. And if ANY man; Ah, that takes every one in, the thief, gambler, liar, harlot, fornicator, adulterer, or any man. Thank God, you can still be saved to-day, no matter how far you have gone in sin, come, open the door of your heart to-day and let Jesus come in. He is knocking, wooing, and calling to-day.

Tomorrow may be too late. Jesus is coming after His bride, are you ready to go out to meet Him? Do you want to be at the great marriage supper of the Lamb? then get your wedding garment on; get the spots and wrinkles out of your life, which is worldly things, such as lust of the flesh, dressing like the world, paint, powder, perfume, bobbed hair and half dressed. And you that do such things are not following His pattern. His bride must be pure, holy and separated from the world, for no unclean thing shall be in heaven.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Sister Clara Mullikin, of Maryland, recently paid Headquarters of the Church of God a few days' visit. We were all delighted to see her again. The purpose of her coming was to bring four little neglected, forsaken, abandoned, orphan children to the home. I am sure that God will reward her for her noble work, also the church, especially those who contribute to this worthy cause, making it possible to give the homeless and neglected shelter, a good fire to warm by, food and clothing. Pray that God may put this work more heavily upon the heart of the church in order that necessary means may be supplied to receive many worthy applicants.

We have a number of requests from our people to place advertising in the columns of the Evangel. We wish to again advise our people that we are not at liberty to accept advertising or merchandise except that which is handled by the Church of God Publishing House, as the Evangel is listed with the post office department as a non-advertising paper. We are very sorry to have to turn these urgent requests down, but are compelled to do so.

The readers' attention is especially called to the subscription rate of the Church of God Evangel, \$1.50 per year, or in a club of three, \$1.00 each. Just a little extra effort and you may come in on this special rate.

NOTICES

This is to notify the saints of God in Arkansas and everywhere that our permanent address will be at Haynes, Ark.

Any minister anywhere wishing to work in Arkansas this year kindly communicate with us here at this address.—J. M. Viney, overseer of Arkansas.

To the Churches in the Coburn District in Virginia:

I just want to notify you that Bro. C. W. Watkins is your district overseer, any one desiring a revival or help in any way will notify him. I desire the co-operation of each member in the church during this year and I hope to see you all soon. Will begin to travel over the state by the first of February and will visit each church and hope to see all the dear saints while on the district.—Your humble servant, W. B. Davis, state overseer.

To the Churches of God in West Virginia:

I have been delayed some in getting the work arranged, but am now ready to give notice of the following appointments:

Parkersburg District, B. E. Drummond, overseer, 1701 Lynn St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Huntington District, F. W. Rollins, overseer, Box 96, Leon, W. Va.

Cedar Grove District, L. L. Vaught, overseer, Box 81, Oakvale, W. Va.

Mingo District, Bun E. Hicks, overseer, Warfield, Ky.

Princeton District, O. W. Thomas, overseer, Box 3, Lester, W. Va.

The Logan District is under

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no time to read; no time to pray, but spend hours at the telephone, in idle gossip. What would you think of a child who received a letter from its father and had not time to read it? or of a child that only spoke to its father on Sunday morning and then no more until the next Sunday morning. That's the way some people treat God and the Bible, but when it comes to primping, I have seen some that it took one and one-half hour to fix their hair, powder and run to church, and never saw them read the Bible or pray before they left home but at church I met them and they did a great deal of shouting and dancing. Ah, friends it means more than shouting, dancing and preaching great sermons, for I believe in these but God wants us to draw nigh to Him and then He will draw nigh unto us.—Ida B. Armstrong, Evangelist.

NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS

The time is at hand that all Evangelists should renew their license. Please send them in at once so that this may be completed. We are renewing them most every day, and we would be glad to finish this within the next few days.

Please place your home address on the back of your old license so we may make sure of getting the right address.

Remember that the license are sent from this office to your state overseer for his approval and signature, and if he deems you faithful he will forward license to you at once. If after a reasonable space of time you do not receive your license, please confer with us and we will investigate the cause of delay. F. J. LEE.

REQUEST

Roshie Geary, Echols, Ky., desires prayer for her mother, who has been sick for several weeks.

Mrs. Alma Pugh, Arkadelphia, Ala., requests prayer that God will heal her husband of Epileptic fits. We mean to trust God to the end.

Mrs. Susan Walters, of Glatto, W. Va., requests prayer that her eyes may be healed.

The direction of state overseer at present.

W. M. Rumler, Cedar Grove, W. Va., has been appointed state evangelist for West Virginia this year. Any one wishing a revival may write him at the above address.—H. W. Scoggins, state overseer.

To the Preachers and District Pastors:

I just want to let you know that we have been able to get eight state evangelists for the state of North Carolina. Any of the pastors who want them to come and hold a revival might write to them, address given below.

I want them to go to every city and town they possibly can, and I have just a word to say to both pastors and evangelists, let's be careful and walk a straight notable life before God and man, and keep a real clean flock for Jesus is coming back some day, and we will be held accountable if you have failed to warn them in the right way and have not kept the flock clean for the Word says, in 1 Tim. 3:5, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" so if we would have everything clean and just right at our house, why, let's think as much of God and His house as we do of our own, if we love Him we will do this.

Addresses of state Evangelists:

H. S. Caldwell, Sunburst, N. C.

W. M. Barnett, P. O. Box 452, Canton, N. C.

O. R. Griffith, Route 4, Mount Airy, N. C.

E. D. Hopkins, Cullowhee, N. C.

A. L. Crisp, Washington, N. C.

T. J. Looney, 205 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

Mrs. Bessie Peters, Cherryville, N. C.

H. G. Sheeks, 945 Poplar St., Kannapolis, N. C.

Humbly your servant in Christ.—E. C. Gault, Kannapolis, N. C.

DISCOURSE DELIVERED BY F. J. LEE THURSDAY EVENING AT THE BIBLE SCHOOL

I will read for a Scripture lesson for this discourse to-night, some verses found in Daniel, 8th chapter, beginning with the 16th verse:

And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.

And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

Now we will turn to the ninth chapter beginning with the twentieth verse:

And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God;

Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

And he informed me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee: for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he

shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

We will now leave this at present, but shall refer to the Scripture as read in both chapters later, but first, I want to make mention of this little innocent looking serpent, which you see here at the left on the chart (refers to chart), yet I suppose that he was not so innocent as this picture shows him to be, he was sneaking, he was treacherous. It is generally believed that the serpent at that day, or before the fall was not as the writhing, crawling serpent of to-day. I imagine that he was an upright and beautiful being, and one of the most attractive of all God's creation. I don't think that an ugly writhing serpent as exists to-day would have attracted our mother Eve, but I feel sure that whatever it was that Satan entered into was a beautiful creature, one that was very attractive. In this way he played havoc with the race, then God placed a curse upon the serpent, that he should crawl on his belly all the days of his life and eat dust. It wouldn't have been a curse if he had been crawling as he is to-day.

Now take a look at his trail. If you want to locate a serpent just follow his trail, you will notice here (pointing to chart) that he is now leaving the garden and going on his course through the world, you see him here with his tail dragging the third part of the stars, here he goes, finally he is cast into the pit, but comes up one thousand years later and appears before God, to be cast into the lake of fire to stay forever and ever.

Now we will return to the beginning and track him a little closer, first that Satan in the original world was a special leader, a prince, he was not called Satan at that time but Lucifer and as I intimated a few minutes ago he drew a third part of the stars or inhabitants of the celestial regions.

Now you may notice here (pointing to chart), that instead of being referred to as a serpent he is called the great red dragon, having seven heads, he takes on a head for each kingdom as represented here on the chart, he takes on a head for Babylon, one for Medo-Persia, one for Greece and one for Rome. You ask, where are the other three heads or what kingdoms represent those? I will just state here that with Babylon is the beginning of the kingdoms, she was the first Gentile kingdom.

Nebuchadnezzar in his dream saw a great image, and when Daniel interpreted his dream he said to him "thou art this head of gold," he also instructed that the breast represented the Medo-Persian kingdom—that should follow, and that the belly represented the Grecian kingdom, and the legs with "feet represented a strong kingdom that should follow and as history shows it to be Rome we have it thus pictured on the chart. Now to explain about the other three, I will make mention that Daniel saw a wonderful vision; he saw a ram with two horns pushing westward northward and southward, this stirred up a great "he-goat," as he saw the ram acting as though he was going to take the whole country he became very angry and came upon the ram which had the two horns and the ram was beaten down and destroyed. The ram represented the Medo-Persian empire, the two horns represented the kings of the two allied kingdoms, Cyrus and Darius.

After this great he-goat had gained such a victory and settled down to console himself, his horn which was only one became very great and notable, but after it had grown out to its greatest capacity it was broken off, not that some other beast (nation) had broken it, but it was broken within itself. In his drunkenness, Alexander, who is referred to as Alexander the Great, while in a drunken fit, died.

Daniel said that in his vision he saw the great horn broken, but four little horns came up in

his stead. History shows that when Alexander died the kingdom was divided between four of his generals. The four generals ruled the kingdom for some time, but finally there seemed to stand out two kingdoms that appeared very prominent, and referred to in the eleventh chapter of Daniel as the king of the north and king of the south. These kingdoms were in constant war with each other for many years. Syria lying north of Palestine and Egypt lying south.

These two kingdoms standing out so prominent at that time, and having connection with Palestine and causing the Jews so much trouble has caused them to be recorded as each representing a head of the great red dragon, these with the four prominent heads before them just mentioned make six heads.

Now you are wondering what represents the seventh head of the dragon. Have you noticed this picture, it is a beast having a large head and six smaller ones? This big head of the beast represents the seventh head of the dragon. Seven always means a completion or culmination of anything. The anti-christ's kingdom is the last kingdom and it shall sway the whole world.

Now let us view this beast a little further (pointing to chart) you will notice that he has seven heads and ten horns, also notice that five are hanging downward and one is looking upward then the main big head is standing independently.

John wondered at this beast. It was enough to cause any one to wonder. The angel saw that he wondered, and he said to him, "wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman and the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns."

John was just a man as we are and the angel is going to tell him about the woman and the beast that carrieth her, so let us draw near and listen attentively to the angel and see if we can not also understand and catch the meaning of the vision as he explains it to John.

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

"Now this beast, which is none other than the anti-christ's kingdom, and existed with its king in former days, and died and went to the pit, and shall come again on the scene in the last days, then shall again go into perdition, then the people that dwell on the earth shall wonder when they see the beast that was, (in former days) and is not, (at the time the angel was speaking to John) and yet is, (at the time of their wondering) this shall be during the seven years of his reign as king of kings."

Now the angel explains further saying, "Here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

And to further explain it he says, "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

You, I suppose have noticed the seven peaks over which the woman is placed. Mountains, represent kingdoms, so the angel has explained by saying, "and there are seven kings." Now let us pay close attention to what he further states, that five are fallen and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Now notice, "five are fallen." See these heads hanging down (points to chart). Let us see, Babylon had fallen, Medo-Persia had fallen, Greece had fallen, Syria had fallen and Egypt had fallen, this accounts for these heads of the beast hanging down. Now he said, "one is."

The empire that was in existence at the time of John's day was of course Rome, this is what he meant by the expression, "one is."

"The other is not yet come." This is the anti-christ and his reign. He continues for a short space, only seven years.

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The Prayer That Brought Rain

Faith That Brings Results

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swer again and give the relief sought. He sends the young man forth again to see if there is any sign of the expected answer. He comes back and says, there is nothing, so it is to-day, the immature element of professed Christianity says that the days of miracles are over, and that God cannot and will not work in these days as in the past.

Some even go far enough to say that people can't be saved now like they were years ago. In spirit, they say that since their fathers fell asleep all things only science is controlling circumstances and the general and natural turn of events. Nothing special to-day for those who will follow the God of the prophets, but we are glad to say that thousands have learned that there is something. There is relief, there remains unnumbered blessings and the God of the prophets, the God of Pentecost, yea the God that poured out the former rain will certainly bring to pass the latter rain.

The prophet continues his earnest pleadings, God must hear, yea His mighty arm of deliverance must be stretched out to relieve suffering Israel, the windows of heaven must be opened, the pent up floods must be poured forth, so he continues to pray and on he prays. The young man goes forth the third, fourth, fifth and sixth time and returns with but little to encourage his faith and continued effort, but the prophet holds on, he will not waver, so much depends on the answer. Finally he becomes desperate, he sinks into supplication, the great father heart of God is touched, heaven is moved, so he sends the young man forth again and he returns with the glad news, "I see a small cloud about the size of a man's hand." Thank God that is enough, the victory has come, heaven is stirred, angels are in commotion, the flood gates are lifted and the rains fall, the earth is drenched with a deluge, the parched ground drinks to its satisfaction, suffering Israel is now relieved, their groans are turned into shouts of victory, for these three years and a half there has been no rain, but the God in heaven has once again turned His face and smiled and kissed the earth. Oh, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.

Now, to the officials, ministers and membership, yea to all who love this cause that we all hold dear to our hearts, let us humble ourselves before the Lord God of Elijah and pray and continue to pray, refuse to take no for an answer, with confidence in the God whom we serve and pray for God to give us a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit of God and if we can prevail for this mighty outpouring it will serve to regulate many minor details that now require time and attention.

Let none get it into our minds, that there is nothing for us for God is able. Let every saint earnestly pray that God will roll upon us the burden of the church's awful peril and give us a vision of the crisis which we are approaching. If we will be true surely God will answer and send such a revival as we have never witnessed, such a growth and spread of the church as has been hitherto unknown. Thousands will be born into the kingdom of God, the cause built up, the ministry shall receive a touch of the live coal from the altar if to this end we earnestly pray, remembering too that, "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

Thankful for the Evangel and Its Encouraging Testimonies

GIBSON, Ga.—I am praising God because He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

I have been praising the Lord for over three years. I am thankful, too for the Evangel for it helps me to overcome the trials that come before me and helps me with its encouraging testimonies each day.

Misunderstanding Explained

J. S. Llewellyn, Editor

Among the many accusations and misunderstandings about the doctrines and principles of the CHURCH OF GOD, with Business Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., some of which are as follows:

First, "That no church member will be in the bride except those whose names are enrolled in our church books and will therefore, not be saved." To this I will say it is absolutely foreign to the real spirit and intention and that none of the present management has ever preached anything that they had intended to be understood in this way or taken for such a declaration, but to the contrary we are of the firm belief that multiplied thousands will be saved and in that glorious procession that has never even heard of us or our church books at Cleveland. In fact this is to the reverse of the fundamental teachings of the church for we firmly believe that people should be saved even before becoming a member of the church, therefore, if any have misunderstood any of the present management in this way, this is intended for a correction of such a misunderstanding. We might say, however, that we do not vouch for the acts and doings, demands and writings of the former management, but do vouch that the present management maintains no such belief, neither do they instruct or advise those associated with them to preach or teach such a doctrine, but to the opposite do advise that all of our ministers maintain a charitable position toward all the truly saved throughout the Christian world.

Second, "That we claim the keys of the kingdom had been delivered to us, and that we had divine authority to the extent that whatsoever we bound on earth would be bound in heaven and whatsoever we loosed on earth would be loosed in heaven." In reply to this I will say that this is not the claim of those now in authority and acting for the church at Business Headquarters, but they respectfully insist by the authority of the Holy Scriptures that this special favor and authority was conferred on the Apostle Peter, and he proceeded to open up the kingdom to both Jew and Gentile, which was a very necessary act in the beginning of the Christian dispensation, therefore, it is only necessary now for us to preach the full gospel with a heart full of love and deep concern for the salvation of the lost. While we do not claim this special gift or authority, yet the Church of God does reserve for itself the right to discipline its members. The church is not immune from mistakes, and it is possible that a member might be expelled wrongfully as was the case when Diotrephes turned some out and of course if such a member had committed no sin he could yet be a Christian.

The present officials and management at Headquarters do not claim for themselves or others such a special divine authority as above referred to, and do not preach or teach anything that they intend to be understood or so construed in that way.

The most recent rumor of this nature is somewhat amusing in that they accused the writer of preaching that the former General Overseer held the keys, and that whatsoever he bound on earth would be bound in heaven, and whatsoever he loosed on earth would be loosed in heaven. I am at a loss to know just how and where such a misunderstanding ever arose, as the writer never did entertain any such a belief or teach anything that he intended to be so understood or construed. For the benefit of those who might be laboring under such a misunderstanding will say that I never did believe such a thing, and more especially if I had ever entertained such a belief I am far from that at this time, however if he thought he had such authority I am not responsible, therefore, to one and all let me say that Peter with the gospel key opened the door to both Jew and Gentile, and the

MEETING CLOSED WITH MANY AT THE ALTAR

FARRELL, Miss.—I want to praise the Lord for His wing of love that has sheltered me in time of many storms. I want to praise the Lord for the way He blessed at River View church during the Christmas holidays. The saints were very much edified, some were sanctified and several added to the church. Collection was taken for Bro. Edward, who helped in the meeting, which was \$25.25.

The meeting closed with many at the altar. O, we should pray more for sinners to be convicted for the time is so short and so many are unsaved. I want to say, "where He leads me I will follow." And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Man looks on the outward appearances but God looks on the heart. Pray for your unworthy sister.—Sula Conwell.

THE WAY GROWS BRIGHTER TO ME

I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord for the way He is blessing me, and for this grand old highway of holiness.

I want to thank Him for His dear Son who gave His life a ransom for many. O, it is grand to know that we may have eternal life, according to St. John 3:16.

I want to praise the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I have been in this way for about three years and it gets brighter to me all along, as I press onward.

My heart's desire is to do the will of the Lord and point other souls to the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

Pray for me that I may stay humble and that my wife may receive the Holy Ghost.—E. A. Blankenship.

church to-day has the same privilege to bring salvation to the lost world by using the gospel key.

Third, "That there was no invisible spiritual body of Christ and that the members were not members of the body of Christ." Now, we are at a loss to know just how such an accusation or misunderstanding has originated as we do not believe or teach or advise others so to do, and if the present management was ever understood to do so it is most assuredly a misunderstanding and not to be so construed as it is contrary to our belief and to the teachings of the Church of God. (See the following Scriptures): "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Rom. 12:5. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." "Which is His body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." Eph. 1:23, and many other Scriptures that might be referred to. We might go further and state that it is our firm belief that the early saints and many others even since that have fought upon many battle fields and finally laid their armor down, that their departure from this life was no forfeiture of their sacred relationship to the body of Christ, but that the saints of all ages will enjoy the sacred rights accorded to them by God's covenant with His people. (The New Testament).

The present officials and management cannot and will not assume the responsibility for any former management, but do insist that they are in harmony with the original doctrinal standard of the Church of God and have gone through hardships and suffering to maintain this standard and will continue to do so, and are standing unwavering for the just rights and privileges of the local churches that go to make up the voluntary association commonly and Scripturally known as the CHURCH OF GOD, and that we are standing unwavering on the original faith of the church and are looking forward to the glad day when all the misunderstanding will be cleared away and the best effort of the ministry of the church will be shown forth in evangelizing the world and the salvation of the lost.

Note: Other questions of misunderstandings will be discussed in a later issue of this paper.

BIBLE Training School

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

I'm so glad that I can say I'm one of them. Praise the dear Lord. Having been called away from school on account of my grandmother's death, was absent several weeks from the Bible school and it makes me enjoy and appreciate it to a greater extent since I have returned.

I truly thank the Lord for this privilege. This is a portion of four terms I've had the privilege of attending and can say, it is just getting better all the time.

Sometimes we can feel something apparently like honey dropping away down in the left corner of our souls, which generates the glory abundantly and we feel like exclaiming, "The joy of the Lord is our strength." Discouraged? I say no. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark." Phil. 3:13, 14.

I would just like to say something that would help to encourage some one to decide to attend next term, for truly the coming of the Lord draweth nigh and the night cometh when no man can work.

Many times the enemy will whisper, "you would never be able to preach any way." Perhaps not, but that is not the nature of the school to make a preacher out of those whom God has not called but it is to learn God's laws, statutes and ordinances and get His law written in fleshy tables on our hearts that we may be able to walk in His ways; make better Sunday school teachers; be better qualified to train our children; conduct Bible reading at the local churches; cottage prayer meetings, and most of all to resist the devil. Jesus Himself fought temptation with the Word of God. "Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom." Prov. 23:4.

Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Prov. 4:7.

It is said in Dan. 9:2 that Daniel a great man of God, understood by books the number of years, whereof the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. Then he set his face unto the Lord by fasting and prayer for the city and the Lord's people and the results were, God sent forth an angel which informed him of things in the future. There are many nuggets of gold and information in The Book which if we dig out will give us a desire to live closer to the Lord. He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good. Prov. 19:8.—A student, Nannie Ruth Hagewood.

I too, am glad for the opportunity to write a few words of praise and honor to the Bible school. I am enjoying the school fine, also the many good blessings that we get from the Lord from time to time.

We have prayer six times a day and a study period at night also.

Now, I will proceed to tell you why I am here. Last fall my mind was unsettled and I was wondering what I would do the coming year, the thought came to me about coming to the Bible school, and the more I studied about it the more I wanted to come, so we sold what little we had, and came here the 28th of October, and have attended the entire term of Bible school. I feel like recommending this place to you, if you want to get the blessings of the Lord. You will feel well paid after you have spent a short while in the school. The thought of the school coming to a close is sad to us to think that we must separate, and then when we look at it on the other side it makes us feel glad that we can scatter out to the four corners of the earth and tell lost souls of the love of Jesus and just what He can do for every one who will seek Him diligently.

Bro. Payne asked how many were planning to come back to the next term of school the other day, and I think every

student raised his hand, and of course I did. This is consoling to think that if we do have to separate for a while we will meet again if Jesus tarries and if not we will get to meet in the golden city of the great beyond.

We invite all who will, to prepare to attend the next term, and be with this bunch. Some people don't believe in going to Bible school but that does not discourage the students one bit, for they have already tasted of the heavenly manna which the students receive and cannot be influenced by any such, I'm sure you'll say the same when you come. I BELIEVE IN BIBLE SCHOOL. We have five new students since Christmas, was glad to welcome them in our midst to partake of the feast.—A student, Walter Cline.

I want to praise God for His goodness and kindness to me for He has done more for me than I will ever be able to thank Him.

I have the blessed Holy Ghost and am truly thankful for it. It surely takes the Holy Ghost power to stand the temptations of this day, and I realize it means much to live for God, and my intention is to make heaven my home whatever the cost, for if we miss heaven we have missed all.

True enough this old earth is soon to be destroyed. Mansions will melt with the log cabins and the same with people, the high and low are going to be judged by the same judge and He is not going to look on the outward appearance but on the heart and we will be rewarded for the deeds done in the body, whether good or bad.

Bro. Latimer gave a good lecture last Sunday on how we should dress as becometh holiness. 1 Tim. 1:2.—A student, Sudie Cline.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

I just want to say a few words about the Bible school. I have never been so greatly encouraged about the school, also Brother Payne, the superintendent, is greatly encouraged.

I don't think the attendance has dropped off any from the time it started in November. It is true some could not stay the entire time, but others came in, which made up for those that had to leave.

The general expense, board, etc., hasn't been so great, therefore it has made it possible for them to remain the entire term.

Brother Payne asked all to stand that were expecting to return at next term. I think he said every one stood.

Another thing I would like to mention, and that is the students are not losing any time, they are studying and they are sure to be greatly profited by their efforts put forth.

Brother Payne is firm with them and they respect him for it.

A true child of God doesn't object when they are called down if their teacher sees that they are about to make a wrong move.

We have heard of several that are planning on attending the school next term. I am sure that you couldn't do better than to come fully equipped to stay the full term.

This term will close January 30, then Brother Payne will go on the field in the interest of the school and work in general.

We are expecting over a hundred to attend next term. Will also need new teachers.

Begin preparing now to attend next term.—F. J. Lee.

Pray for Meeting

SESSER, III.—I want to raise my voice of praise to God this morning for the way He is still blessing in Sesser, Ill., and we have had no work here for almost a year. We read of where mighty men go down and fail, but there is one that sticketh closer than a brother.

We are entering a revival here now and ask that you pray for the success of it. Pray that God will move upon the hearts of the miners that we may get work to do.—E. O. Sells.

SERVING THE SAME GOD THAT JOSHUA SERVED

CALHOUN, Ga.—I am praising God this beautiful day, for His mercy unto me. When I was steeped in sin, He came to my rescue and redeemed me by His blood. I am so glad for the Comforter that abides just now.

I praise Him for the great Church of God and for the way He leads His children through the dark places of life. When the way looks dark and gloomy, He sends the rays of sunlight and fills our path with love.

I am so glad that I know we are serving the same God that Joshua served, when He said unto Joshua, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9.

Pray for me also pray for the Church of God at Crane Eater, that she may rise and shine.—J. R. Davis.

ROBED AND READY WHEN HE COMES

LAWTON, Okla.—I want to praise God this afternoon for salvation in my soul, and am glad to report that I still have the victory.

I realize that the coming of our Lord draweth nigh and I want to be robed and ready when He comes or calls for me.

We have had our overseer, Bro. Jenkins with us for a few days, we are well pleased with him. Dear saints of Oklahoma, let's do our best and stand by our overseer this year, for I believe he will do his part by us and by the help of God we can put the devil to flight in this state, if we will all pull together. Pray for my family.—Lucy Kephias.

TESTIMONY

OZONA, Fla.—I am praising God today for full and free salvation because He ever counted me worthy of saving my soul from hell and gave me the light on holiness and with the light He gave me humbleness of heart to receive it. About one year ago God wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost and gave me the determination to go all the way with Him.

Saints the time has come when we should look up and rejoice for our redemption draweth nigh. We realize the coming of the Lord is not far away so we should ever be ready with our lamps trimmed and burning bright with plenty of oil in our vessels. We should put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph. 6:11.

Ah, we should be the happiest people on earth because we have the most to be happy over so let us press on with Jesus as our captain, the Holy Ghost as our commander and fight the battle with assurance of victory because of the confidence in our captain who knows no defeat. Your unworthy brother in Christ.—Newton Harrell.

Suffered With Side Six Years—Healed

WHITESIDE, Tenn.—I feel like praising the One who has done so much for me. Nearly five years ago the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues. I am now a member of the Church of God and am standing for its government.

I want to tell of the wonderful healing power of God. Before the Assembly, I could not do much work on account of my side which has bothered me for over six years. Just after I arrived at the Auditorium on Sunday during the Assembly, Bro. Rouse gave a chance for all who wanted prayer for healing to come around. I went and Brothers Hall and Rouse prayed for me and laid hands on me and I felt better but didn't think I was healed, so when he gave opportunity again for prayer I went and told him of how I had suffered with my side for six years and he said, that didn't make a bit of difference so they prayed and tonight I feel that I am completely healed and I want to tell the world of it.

This little testimony may not seem like much to the readers but it was certainly something to me, and I can never praise Him enough for it.

I can now do my work and sleep well at night. A few years ago, I had stomach trouble and it seemed that I could not live much longer, but God touched my body and healed me. I want to be a worker for the Lord. Pray for me.—Mrs. May Basham.

THE LORD BLESSING—CHURCH REVIVED

KENTON, Tenn.—Our district overseer, Bro. G. G. Williams and wife, held a ten days' meeting at this place in which time much good was done. We were starving for the true gospel, eternity only will reveal the good these noble workers accomplished while here.

Bro. Williams has an excellent Christian wife and one full of the power and Holy Ghost. Brother Williams revived the church with eleven members. We are expecting great things from the Lord this year.—Mrs. Emma Waris.

WANTS A PASTOR

COCKEVILLE, Tenn.—I want to praise God for His wonderful healing power for He has done so much for me. I had been afflicted until during the Assembly, I sent a handkerchief for Bro. Rouse to anoint, and was completely healed before it returned. I praise God for His keeping power, and also for the dear old Church of God. Oh, I think the Church of God is the most wonderful thing this side of heaven. I ask that Bro. Rouse and all who read this to pray that my eyes may be healed, also that God will send us a pastor.—Mrs. Linnia Vickers.

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The word CHURCH occurs in more than one hundred texts in the New Testament, taken as a whole they set forth the church as a fully organized body growing and carrying on its beneficent work to all parts of the whole world. Its unity, purity and power and holiness were pre-eminent and without doubt the cause of its wonderful success during the apostolic period, indeed the idea of a church as a spiritual body joined to Christ the head by the living tie of faith is in the practical sense foreign to most professors in this evening time of the gospel, but is just the idea that we must get back to, if we come to an understanding of the Church of God. No one thing on earth is complete enough in its nature to fully represent the Church of God, neither is the human mind able to grasp singly a name that would express every feature of the church; for this reason, God has made use of many relative names, such as Zion, Holy City, Body of Christ, Bride of Christ, Sheepfold, Vine and its branches and other similar illustrations.

First let us consider the word church, it means congregation of people separated from the world. Jno. 15:19.

Christ is the head, the foundation, the door and the chief corner stone.

Then Christ established the church, true holiness adorned her fair brow, unity and purity were the chief characteristics of her it is said,

"Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee," and again we read, "my dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother," she has no sister. He, Christ is the head of the body, (the church).

Having purchased, founded and built the Church of God, Christ claims exclusive right to the government. She is not our church, but God's building, owned by God alone. All of her members are the children of God and bear His image in righteousness and true holiness. Eph. 4:24.

God hath set the members everyone of them in the body as it hath pleased Him for ye are the body of Christ and members in particular. 1 Cor. 12:18-27.

It is God Himself that assigns each member his place in the church, or the body of Christ and makes known to him what his line of spiritual work is to be.

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular, And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, etc." (1 Cor. 12:27-28).

It may be a mystery in the mind of some why we read in the Bible of churches when God has only one church. A little attention to the Word will convince any honest mind that the Church of God is plural only in regard to its geographical location. All other so-called churches are man-made and man-governed and are counterfeit.

In Exodus 19:5 God says that His people will be a peculiar treasure unto Him above all people. This great favor is bestowed upon all those who obey His voice. "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isa. 1:19-20).

We all know how that after the apostolic days, Rome set herself up as God or above all that is called God and now her myriad daughters are universally repeating her sin in making human authority to take the place of the Lord Jesus and of the Holy Ghost. This is what the apostle calls the mystery of iniquity. The Holy Ghost does not flow thru methods but through clean holy men. He does not anoint plans but men of prayer. Then dear ones let us all strive earnestly to fill the place that God has called us to fill and not feel that because the foot is not the head it is not of the body, but let us show our love and respect

CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER

BELLS, Tenn.—I just want to write a few words to the Evangel by way of confession.

We find in James 5:18 where it says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." Now, my fault is that I have been using tobacco, and the more I read the Word of God the more condemned I become over it. I have promised the Lord many times that I would lay it all down and the next thing I knew I had taken it up again.

The Scripture would come up before me, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." 1 Thess. 4:7, and this Scripture also found in 2 Cor. 7:1, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and Spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." He says to cleanse ourselves, He didn't say that He would come down here and take it away from us. I have been in a backslidden condition long enough.

I know that I once had a wonderful blessing from the Lord, but since I have been away from any holiness people it seemed that I just couldn't keep my experience, but the Lord was merciful, He knew that my intention was to do the right thing, and now I ask that you all pray for me to get right with the Lord and have the joy of His salvation restored unto my soul.—G. L. Varnus.

THE BIBLE

M. S. Lemons

The Bible is God's Holy book, It tells us of His will, Of how He loved the world And how He loves us still. It is the bread of life, To every hungry soul, It is too the source of life, But heaven is the goal.

It tells us what to do, To make a great success, It tells us how to act, And also how to dress. This volume is complete, If we should take it all It makes the way so plain That none should ever fail.

It is the stay for man, To guide him to the right, To keep him every day, And give him great delight. If you should read it through, A hundred times or more You then would know in part The riches of His store.

God feigns to show Himself, By little all the way, Then after many years, His light is bright as day. The things you one time loved, You soon will surely hate, And things you did not love, You'll cherish soon or late.

God shows a tender hand, To those in great distress, He cheers the weak and sad, And none He will oppress; The change He often makes, And shows His greatest love To those who've lived in sin And comforts with His dove.

The Bible will correct All errors in your life, It will do it all in peace, And banish sin and strife. If you should fill your heart, And life with its precepts, You surely then could walk Right in the Master's steps.

Those who live in greed, And fill their lives with sin, Never can see God, we know, He will not take them in. God will turn them all away Who will not hear His Word, They need not ask Him then For they cannot be heard.

Men who love the Word of God, And love His precious Son, Are blessed with peace and joy, And have the victory won. But those who scorn His Word And take His name in vain, Soon will feel His Holy wrath, And fall among the slain.

But those who hear and do, And follow after right, May cherish every good, And follow in the light. Read the Bible every day, And memorize its page, It tells us how He trod, A life ruled by the sage.

The truth will do you good, A knowledge of your God This is the way the Saviour went, The way the Saints have trod. And while I try to walk, And live as I direct, I'm sure that God will keep, And ever me protect.

for the weak members of the body and make them feel that they are a part of the body the same as we. May God bless and keep you in the one body, the church of the living God, is the prayer of your humble servant.

Orphanage Report

FROM DEC. 1 TO JAN. 1.

From JOHN T. BROWN, Derby, Ill.: 3 bars toilet soap.

From MRS. FRANK PEABODY, Golden Valley, N. Dak.: 1 tablet; 2 new outing princess slips; 2 new outing gowns; 1 new crepe gown. Mrs. Peabody and Sister Opal Koss—3 new dresses. Brother Elmer Walker—1 new dress. Mrs. Peabody—4 yds. gingham for mother Kinsey.

From LARKINS, FLA.: 2 crates oranges.

From OKEECHOBEE, FLA.: 2 crates oranges.

From TYLER GROCERY CO., Jacksonville, Fla.: 13 lbs. candy.

From J. W. BRADY, Tarpon Springs, Fla.: 50 lb. bucket candy.

From WILLISTON, FLA.: 1 barrel oranges.

From MURRAY KINGSTON, Daytona, Fla.: 1 box oranges.

From SUSAN RUCKING, Chokokee, Fla.: 2 new outing gowns; 4 1-2 yds. thin material; 3 pieces outing; 4 1-4 yds.; 2 pieces shirting; 4 yds.; 3 pieces calico; 6 2-3 yds.; 4 pieces gingham, 8 1-2 yds.; 3 yds. voile.

From CENTER HILL, FLA.: 1 box oranges.

From TURKEY CREEK, FLA.: 1 crate oranges.

From BOWLING GREEN, FLA.: 1 crate oranges.

From JULIA BRADY, Tarpon Springs, Fla.: 45 new handkerchiefs.

From R. R. TURNER, Parish, Fla.: 1 box grape fruit and oranges.

From J. V. COOPER, Lakeland, Fla.: 2 crates oranges.

From IRA O. BARKSDALE, Ozone, Fla.: 1 crate oranges and tangerines.

From MR. AND MRS. T. W. TURNER, Orlando, Fla.: 7 safety pins; 3 tangerines; 4 oranges; 1 grape fruit; 1 pomper; 1 small wash suit; 1 small dress; 1 small boy's coat.

From MR. WALTER JOHNSON, Cleveland, Tenn.: Cut children's hair for Xmas present, amounting to \$15.00.

From W. O. HAGGARD, Cleveland, Tenn.: 5 large and 11 small cans milk.

From MRS. D. A. TAYLOR, Englewood, Tenn.: 7 yds. gingham; 17 doz. buttons; 2 pieces woolen cloth.

From CLEVELAND PRODUCE HOUSE, Cleveland, Tenn.: 150 lb. bag potatoes.

From AIKMAN MEAT MARKET, Cleveland, Tenn.: several lbs. soup bones.

From D. J. ROGERS, Goin, Tenn.: 4 tablets; 2 pencils; 1 lb. candy; 2 lbs. pop corn on cob; 1 can preserves.

From HAWK'S HARDWARE, Cleveland, Tenn.: 1 box toys.

From MILLER'S CASH STORE, Cleveland, Tenn.: 1 box toys.

From NELL GORMAN, Cleveland, Tenn.: 21 small boxes candy and nuts for boy's home.

From F. C. AMMONS, Hennings, Tenn.: 50 qts. fruit.

From D. E. A. LLEWELLYN, Ethridge, Tenn.: 6 handkerchiefs.

From W. M. JOHNSON, Coal Creek, Tenn.: 22 lbs. dried apples.

From GRAYS, Ky.: 40 qts. fruit; 11 qts. pickles; 2 qts. beans; 25 jars jellies and preserves; 2 1-4 lbs. beans; 5 lbs. sugar; 8 1-4 lbs. dried apples.

From MRS. JANNIE STANBURY, Benham, Ky.: 17 dresses; 3 small gowns; 11 skirts; 1 pr. rompers; 5 aprons; 1 small skirt; 1 camisole; 5 middies; 2 teddies; 3 princess slips; 2 waists; 1 crocheted cap; 1 kimono; some pieces of cotton, silk, velvet and braid.

From CHURCH OF GOD S. S., Somerset, Ky.: 3 1-4 yds. gingham; 1 new skirt; 1 tablet; 1 pencil; 1 card snaps; 2 bars toilet soap; 1 tube paste; 1 pr. new gloves; 2 prs. new hose; 2 skeins floss; 15 handkerchiefs.

From B. E. DRUMMOND, Parkersburg, W. Va.: 22 jars jelly.

From MRS. EDITH STAR, Greendale, W. Va.: 5 new rompers.

From CHURCH OF GOD, Parkersburg, W. Va.: 30 lb. bucket candy.

From MRS. MAE AKERS, Hiawatha, W. Va.: 3 doz. tablets; 9 handkerchiefs; 3 doz pencils; 5 lbs. candy.

From M. E. BOWMAN, South Lebanon, Ohio: 2 1-2 yds. gingham; 1 pr. hose; 1 crocheted yoke; 1 crocheted camisole.

From CHURCH OF GOD, Ironton, Ohio: 1 scarf; 1 boy's wash suit; 1 baby hood; 1 small pillow and slip; 1 veil; 1 pad; 1 small can syrup; 2 bars toilet soap; 1 small can milk; 6 cans fruit; 1 pkg. coffee.

From G. P. BAILEY, Middletown, Ohio: 32 1-2 lbs. candy and nuts; 4 tablets; 1 box raisins.

From CINCINNATI, OHIO, solicited by Sister I. B. Armstrong, the following: Oma Hornsby—2 lbs. candy. From the church—29 lbs. candy and nuts. Herbert Runion—1 lb. candy. James and George Armstrong—5 lbs. candy. Sister and Sister Runion—2 lbs. candy and candy. Ray Wilson—7 lbs. candy. Emma Branahan and Robt. L. Cox—3 1-2 lbs. candy and nuts. Mrs. A. B. Marcus—1 1-2 lbs. candy. S. Margaret Runion—1 lb. candy.

From MRS. BESSIE COPPEL, Chillicothe, Ohio: 1 wool skirt; 1 pr. supporters; 1 pr. hose.

From EDNA OWENSBY, Lindsie, Ga.: 9 yds. gingham in 3 pieces; 2 bolts braid; 2 spools thread.

From MRS. S. B. HILTON, Vienna, Ga.: 6 qts. fruit.

From CHURCH OF GOD S. S., Crane Eater, Ga., the following: Ora Cochran—1 apple; 1 orange. Mildred King—8 oranges. Roy, Columbus, Mary Joe Bailey—1 box pop corn balls with nuts. Mrs. Laura Stokes—1 can fruit; 1 towel. Mrs. Alice Pass—1 can fruit. Mrs. Estelle Gillespie—4 yds. gingham. Lola Pearce—1 handkerchief. Mr. Cantrell—2 handkerchiefs. Mr. Fite—1 paper pins; 1 spool thd. Mrs. Lillie Poarch—1 can fruit.

SOLICITED BY HATTIE JACKSON, Calhoun, Ga., the following: McClellan Burnett—1 glass jelly. Mary Nell Burnett—1 glass jelly. Ella

Mae Burnett—1 bar laundry soap.

Della Burnett—1 qt. berries. James Burnett—1 qt. peaches. Mary Ruth Burnett—1 box soda. Lucile Jackson—1 qt. plums. Mildred Jackson—1 bar laundry soap. Elbert Jackson—1 pencil. Emolise Jackson—1 box soda. Grethel Nix—1 bar toilet soap. Cora Smith—1 box h'd'k'f. Stella Couch—1 box stationery. Una Couch—1 writing tablet. Ellen Holder—1 qt. huckleberries. Alleen Holder—1 qt. apples. Paul Jackson—6 post cards. Ernest Jackson—1 box soda. Hattie Jackson—3 pkgs. mint candy. Dorothy Harris—1 can plums. Westley Wilkx—1 can peaches. Rosa Wilkx—1 can peaches.

From D. L. GRIGGS, Pineview, Ga.: 2 prs. slippers; 1 pr. shoes; 6 small boy's wash suits; 1 boy's waist.

From CHURCH OF GOD, Broxton, Ga., the following: Mrs. B. R. Robinson—1 box soda; 1 box tooth picks; 2 cans salmon; 1 can pepper. Mrs. M. E. Minix—1 pr. new hose; 2 qts. beans; 8 apples. Mrs. B. L. Dubose—1 1-2 lbs. peanuts; qt. beans; 1 qt. berries; 6 oranges. Mrs. J. H. Ward—1 apple; 1 orange and some candy; 2 qts. peaches. Walter Smith—2 lbs. nuts. Mrs. Mandy Taylor—2 qts. pears. Mrs. A. E. Harris—1 qt. peaches; 2 1-4 lbs. sugar. Mrs. Sarah Ann Solomon—2 1-4 lbs. rice. Mrs. Currie Solomon—2 jars pickles; 2 bars laundry soap.

SOLICITED BY SALLIE BRANNON, Shaw, Ga., the following: Joe and wife—10 cans fruit. Mrs. Leby Devlin—bath suit and dress; 1 bar soap. Della Lee—1 can jam. Ellis Bailey—1 can huckleberries. Lucile Huffman—1 can huckleberries; 1 can peaches. Nora Wise—1 pr. slippers. Lydia Lee—2 cans fruit; 4 yds. gingham; 1 spool thd. Paul Shaw—3 prs. hose. Sallie Brannon—1 sheet; 1 pillow; 4 bars soap. Maggie Devlin—2 garments; 1 bar soap; 2 boxes powder.

From CHURCH OF GOD, Fitzgerald, Ga.: 1 pr. new pillow cases; 4 prs. new hose; 1 towel; 3 new dresses; 2 worn dresses; 2 middies.

From MRS. C. A. IVEY, Quitman, Ga.: 1 box washing powder; 1 box starch; 1 box salt; 1 bar soap; 1 can cocoa; 1 can powder; 1 bolt ribbon; 1 tablet; 1 can tomatoes; 1 new shirt; 1 sample tube paste; 8 boy's new caps; 2 prs. new slippers; 15 yds. domestic.

From MRS. E. M. ELLIS, Greenville, S. C., the following: Welmar Davis—1 tablet. Robert Davis—1 composition book. Charles Davis—1 composition book. Mellie Davis—1 tablet. Mrs. Clark—1 tablet. Mrs. Jain Hopsaim—1 tablet. Minnie Nichols—1 pr. hose. Sister Brown—1 pr. hose. J. M. and Lula Rumbley—1 pr. hose and 5 handkerchiefs. Mrs. Janie Head—2 handkerchiefs. Mrs. Alice Johnson—3 handkerchiefs. Alice Johnson—1 box stationery. Nellie Nichols—1 pencil. Henry Ellis—1 pencil. Vesphe Ellis—1 pencil. Tannis Ellis—1 pencil. Ruth Mae Nichols—1 pencil. Basil Ellis—1 pencil. Jack Dunn—7 prs. new hose.

From CHURCH OF GOD, Rock Hill, S. C.: 2 boy's overcoats; 5 new handkerchiefs; 1 yd. elastic; 6 pr. new hose; 1 lb. nut candy; 3 yds. bias edge; 2 1-2 yds. gingham; 2 pieces strong cloth, 8 yds.

From MRS. J. L. BURTON, Schlatter, Miss.: 2 new union suits; 2 small new caps; 1 pr. hose supporters; 3 new handkerchiefs; 6 prs. new hose.

From MRS. ANNIE BARLOW, Utica, Miss.: 2 boy's new blouses.

From BROTHER AND SISTER WEDGEWORTH, Union, Miss.: 3 small dresses.

From EDNA M. HOSCH, Gulfport, Miss.: 4 new dresses.

From MRS. J. W. LOWERY, Thomsville, Ala.: 1 coat and hat; 1 pr. sandals; 1 pr. new hose; 1 barret; 1 3-4 yds. elastic.

From MISS JESSIE WILLIS, Montgomery, Ala.: 1 coat suit; 5 small new hats; 1 large new hat.

From Martha Coombs, Laurel, Mont.: 1 bath towel for Mothe. Kinsey. 6 hand towels. Yuona and Adn Coombs—2 small dolls for the smallest girl.

From BROTHER AND SISTER LEYBA, and Mrs. Minnie Cozley, Guy, N. Mex.: 1 new dress; 3 prs. new hose; 6 new handkerchiefs; 2 new baby caps.

From MRS. J. J. KEESSE, Franklin, La.: 1 pr. hose; 1 fruit cake; 4 apples; 3 oranges; 2 middies; 1 dress.

From SISTER IRENE GAY, Dunns, La.: 2 1-2 yds. gingham. Maude Jones—3 yds. percale. Marie Jones—1 pr. house slippers. Bessie Walker—6 oranges; 8 oranges.

From W. H. RAMEY, LUCY A. RAMEY, I. N. G. RAMEY, Springfield, Mo.: 5 pieces gingham, 19 1-8 yds.; 2 pieces sateen, 4 7-8 yds.; 4 1-2 yds. outing; 1 apron; 2 union suits; 2 blouses; 1 coat; 1 waist; 1 skirt; 1 jumper and waist; 1 bottle certo; 4 qts. berry juice; 2 qts. jelly; 2 qts. berry butter; 5 spools thd.; 2 bunches shoe strings; 3 bars toilet soap; 1 midy; 1 bunch neckties; 1 corset.

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